IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1, 9 and 17 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An electronic mail apparatus comprising:

<u>a storing unit storing information in response to a destination of an electronic mail, the information indicating whether a sentence to be included in the electronic mail is text-displayable based on text data on the basis of a character code system used at the destination of the electronic mail;</u>

a judging unit judging whether ~~a sentence is text-displayable based on text data on the basis of a character code system used at a destination of an electronic mail including the sentence~~<u>to form an image data of the sentence based on the information stored in said storing unit</u>;

an image data forming unit, when said judging unit judges that <u>the image data of</u> the sentence ~~is not text-displayable~~<u>should be formed</u>, to form <u>the</u> image data of the sentence; and

a transmission unit transmitting the electronic mail ~~including~~<u>with</u> the formed image data <u>of the sentence</u> to the destination of the electronic mail.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) An electronic mail apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a display control unit displaying the sentence on a screen using text data of the sentence,

wherein the image data forming unit forms image data corresponding to a sentence written in a format displayed on the screen by the display control unit.

5. (original) An electronic mail apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a translation unit translating the sentence into a language used in the destination when the sentence is expressed by characters written in a language different from the language used in the destination of the electronic mail,

wherein the transmission unit transmits translation results obtained by the transmission unit to the destination of the electronic mail.

6. (previously presented) An electronic mail apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a translation unit translating the sentence into a language used in the destination when the sentence is expressed by characters written in a language different from the language used in the destination and a determining unit determining whether said display control unit has text-displayable characters written in the language used in the destination of the electronic mail,

wherein the image forming unit forms translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written in the language used in the destination when it is determined that the display control unit fails to have text-displayable characters written in the language used in the destination, and

the display control unit displays a screen on which the translated image data is edited.

7. (original) An electronic mail apparatus according to claim 5,

wherein the image data forming unit forms the translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written in the language used in the destination when the display control unit cannot text-display the characters written in the language used in the destination of the electronic mail, and

the electronic mail apparatus further comprises a synthesizing unit forming synthesized image data obtained by combining image data formed by the image data forming unit and corresponding to the input sentence with the translated image data, and

the transmission unit transmits the synthesized image data to the destination of the electronic mail.

8. (original) An electronic mail apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission unit transmits the image data as an attached file to the destination of the electronic mail.

9. (currently amended) An electronic mail transmission method comprising:

receiving a sentence serving as the contents of an electronic mail;

reading out information in response to a destination of the electronic mail from a storing unit, the information indicating whether a sentence to be included in the contents of the electronic mail is text-displayable based on text data on the basis of a character code system used at the destination of the electronic mail;

judging whether the sentence is text-displayable based on text data on the basis of a character code system used at a destination of the electronic mail including the sentence to form an image data of the sentence based on the information read out from said storing unit;

image data forming step of forming the image data of the sentence when it is judged that the image data of the sentence is not text-displayable based on the text data on the basis of the character code system at the destination should be formed; and

transmitting the electronic mail including with the formed image data of the sentence to the destination of the electronic mail.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) An electronic mail transmission method according to claim 9, further comprising displaying the sentence on a screen using text data of the sentence,

wherein, in the forming image data, image data corresponding to the sentence written in a format displayed on the screen is formed.

13. (previously presented) An electronic mail transmission method according to claim 9, further comprising translating the sentence into a language used in the destination when the sentence is expressed by characters written in a language different from the language used in the destination of the electronic mail,

wherein, translation results are transmitted to the destination of the electronic mail.

14. (previously presented) An electronic mail transmission method according to claim 12, further comprising translating the sentence into a language used in the destination when the sentence is expressed by characters written in a language different from the language used in the destination, and determining whether the characters are written in the text-displayable language used in the destination of the electronic mail on the screen,

wherein in the forming image data, translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written in the language used in the destination is formed when it is determined that the characters are not written in the text-displayable language used in the destination of the electronic mail, and

the electronic mail transmission method further comprises editably displaying the translated image data on the screen.

15. (previously presented) An electronic mail transmission method according to claim 13,

wherein, in the forming image data, translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written in the language used in the destination is formed when it is determined that the characters are not written in the text-displayable language used in the destination of the electronic mail, and

the electronic mail transmission method further comprises forming synthesized image data obtained by combining the formed image data corresponding to the sentence with the translated image data, and

in the transmitting, the synthesized image data is transmitted to the destination of the electronic mail.

16. (original) An electronic mail transmission method according to claim 9, wherein the image data is transmitted as an attached file to the destination of the electronic mail.

17. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium which records a program for causing a computer to execute, the operations comprising:

receiving a sentence serving as the contents of an electronic mail;

reading out information in response to a destination of the electronic mail from a storing unit, the information indicating whether a sentence to be included in the contents of the electronic mail is text-displayable based on text data on the basis of a character code system used at the destination of the electronic mail;

judging whether ~~the sentence is text-displayable based on text data on the basis of a character code system used at a destination of the electronic mail including the sentence~~ to form an image data of the sentence based on the information read out from said storing unit;

forming the image data of the sentence when it is judged that the image data of the sentence ~~is not text-displayable based on the text data on the basis of the character code system at the destination~~ should be formed; and

transmitting the electronic mail ~~including~~ with the formed image data of the sentence to the destination of the electronic mail.

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented) A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 17, which records the program further including displaying the sentence on a screen using text data of the sentence ,

wherein, in the forming image data, image data corresponding to the sentence written in a format displayed on the screen is formed.

21. (previously presented) A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 17, which records the program

further comprising the translation step of translating the sentence into a language used in the destination when the input sentence is expressed by characters written in a language different from the language used in the destination of the electronic mail,

wherein, translation results are transmitted to the destination of the electronic mail.

22. (previously presented) A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 20, which records the program, further comprising translating the sentence into a language used in the destination when the sentence is expressed by characters written in a language different from the language used in the destination, and determining whether the characters are written in the text-displayable language used in the destination of the electronic mail,wherein translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written in the language used in the destination is formed when it is determined that the characters are not written in the text-displayable language used in the destination, and

the program further comprises editably displaying the translated image data on the screen.

23. (previously presented) A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 21, which records the program

wherein , in the forming image data, translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written in the language used in the destination is formed when the characters written in the language used in the destination of the electronic mail cannot be text-displayed, and

the program further comprises forming synthesized image data obtained by combining the formed image data corresponding to the sentence with the translated image data, and

. in the transmitting, the synthesized image data is transmitted to the destination of the electronic mail.

24. (original) A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 17, which records the program wherein the image data is transmitted as an attached file to the destination of the electronic mail.